

Today's News - Thursday, December 11, 2008

- University of New Hampshire's new science complex uses traditional materials to create a contemporary building.
- LEED 2009 approved; revised certification system 'reweights' certain credits, rewards design innovation.
- Brussat weighs in on the Duany vs. British architects brouhaha.
- Hume hails a preservation project transforming an abandoned 19th-century industrial site into the "green heart of the sustainable city."
- AIA HQ re-do is "an example of renovating in sustainable ways."
- Cranes on New Haven's skyline indicate developments continue despite downturn.
- Litt basically likes revised Cleveland Institute of Art design: at least it "lessens the odds that it could be perceived as a comical confrontation between the two architecture firms."
- Calgary bridge controversy continues: "there are more than a few future Calatravas among us who equally deserve a chance to compete."
- More on Mecca makeover: "Even if Hadid fails to win a commission, the fact that an Arab woman is in the running for such a prestigious project speaks volumes."
- It's 'disgraceful' that there's opposition to a new parliament building for Malta "designed by one of the leading architects of our time" (Renzo Piano, though not mentioned).
- A new design for London's controversial Potters Fields site.
- Van Valkenburgh/Toshiko Mori to design Hudson Yards Boulevard (though it's not official, it seems).
- Foster's Yale School of Management expansion to be "strikingly modern" (not a hint of James Gamble Rogers c. 1889).
- Glancey's round-up of 2008 architectural highs (scroll way down).
- A "super-regenerator" generates a secret government report on how to kickstart the U.K. housing market.
- Israeli Azrieli designs his legacy dedicated to education.
- Is RIBA/RIAS collaboration heading for a divorce?
- Call for entries: Greener Gadgets Design Competition.
- We couldn't resist: A life-size replica of the Taj Mahal in Bangladesh. - The Indian government is not amused; will "investigate to see if any copyright laws had been breached."

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Traditional Brick: A Contemporary Solution at University of New Hampshire: New forms and expressions with traditional materials create a forward-looking contemporary building that expresses the engineering disciplines it houses. -- Anshen+Allen [\[images\]](#)- ArchNewsNow

USGBC Members Approve LEED 2009: Revised certification system 'reweights' certain credits, rewards design innovation. [\[link\]](#)- Architect Magazine

Whistling past the graveyard: British architects are in a snit because Andrés Duany...crossed the Atlantic and nailed 64 complaints to the ugly, sterile door of the last half-century of British architecture...the public would not yearn for what the modernists condemn...if modern architecture were not so disappointing to the public... By David Brussat- Providence Journal (Rhode Island)

Preservation project makes timely debut: ...Evergreen Brick Works...a unique opportunity to transform an abandoned 19th-century industrial site in the Don Valley into the green heart of the sustainable city..."We are learning to use our heritage in ways that will benefit the future." By Christopher Hume -- Du Toit Allsopp Hillier; Michael McClelland/ERA ArchitectsDiamond + Schmitt [\[image\]](#)- Toronto Star

AIA Aims to Set Example with Headquarters Renovation: ...the aging concrete building is slated to undergo its first comprehensive renovation..."an example of renovating in sustainable ways." -- The Architects Collaborative (1973); James Gatsch/Farewell Mills Gatsch; Todd DeGarmo/Studios Architecture [\[links\]](#)- Architectural Record

City Projects Weather Wall Street Woes: Most (not all) Elm City developments continue building despite downturn...you wouldn't necessarily know it in New Haven these days, with all the cranes and rising steel girders dotting the skyline. -- Becker + Becker; Robert A.M. Stern- Business New Haven (Connecticut)

Cleveland Institute of Art pulls back the Winy Maas/MVRDV veil on addition designed by Burt, Hill: ...latest version of the design for the expansion lessens the odds that it could be perceived as a comical confrontation between the two architecture firms involved... By Steven Litt [\[images\]](#)- Cleveland Plain Dealer

Pedestrian bridges still spanning controversy: The dispute isn't between those who appreciate showcase architecture and those who don't...it's about the process...Calgary and Alberta are full of talented architects, engineers and designers...there are more than a few future Calatravas among us who equally deserve a chance to compete. -- Santiago Calatrava- Calgary Herald (Canada)

Makkah in future: The new Jamrat Bridge shows the foresight of King Abdullah to ensure that Makkah becomes modernize...Project planners are said to be courting top architects Norman Foster and Zaha Hadid to head the design renovations...Even if Hadid fails to win a commission, the fact that an Arab woman is in the running for such a prestigious project speaks volumes...- The Saudi Gazette

Op-Ed: Those who dismiss parliament dismiss democracy: The plans for a parliament building on the empty lot where the opera house once stood have met with near-unanimous objection...It is not disgraceful that the site has been earmarked for a parliament building designed by one of the leading architects of our time. It is disgraceful that Malta has never had a parliament building. - Malta Independent

Berkeley reveals new design for controversial Tower Bridge site: ...new vision for Potters Fields next to City Hall...a radical change from the previous designs for the site by Ian Ritchie, which were vehemently opposed by Southwark council. -- Squire & Partners [\[images\]](#)- Building (UK)

Van Valkenburgh/Toshiko Mori Takes the Boulevard: Hudson Yards landscape architect to design linked public corridor...Hudson Yards Development Corporation (HYDC) remains officially mum on the matter...other finalists for the project were Gustafson Guthrie Nichol/Allied Works; West 8/Mathews Nielsen; Work AC/Balmori Associates; Hargreaves Associates/TEN Arquitectos. [\[images\]](#)- The Architect's Newspaper

Yale's School of Management still to expand: ...design is strikingly modern, yet the courtyard within the complex defines the building. This is not a courtyard that James Gamble Rogers 1889 would have designed... -- Foster + Partners [\[images\]](#)- Yale Daily News

Arts 2008: Beijing's Olympic architecture wowed the world...Greenest moment: Slump spells welcome death of

unsustainable eco-towns. By Jonathan Glancey -- Richard Rogers; Herzog & de Meuron; Snohetta; Jørn Utzon; Merkx + Girod; Dominique Perrault - Guardian (UK)

The man to stop the crash: 'Super-regenerator' David Taylor has written a secret government report on how to kickstart the housing market...Hopefully, by sharing his regeneration know-how, Taylor will help thaw the market sooner rather than later. - The Architects' Journal (UK)

Designing a legacy: Listening to the 86-year-old architect David Azrieli wax poetic about his profession, one could easily be persuaded that passion is, in fact, the most important ingredient in any recipe...what may be less known about him...is his dedication to education...through grants to talented young people. - Jerusalem Post

RIBA fees hike sparks threat of RIAS divorce: ...was further alienated by a separate RIBA Council decision to create an "associate member" class for part II graduates — rejecting arguments from RIAS president Arnie Dunn that the term "devalues" RIAS members, known as "associates" - BD/Building Design (UK)

Call for entries: Greener Gadgets Design Competition: Designs should seek to minimize the environmental impact of consumer electronic devices at any stage in the product lifecycle; cash prizes; deadline: January 15, 2009- Core77

Bangladesh to open own Taj Mahal: A life-size replica has been built by a Bangladeshi filmmaker...said he wanted his countrymen to experience the beauty of the Indian monument even if they were too poor to travel to see the original. - BBC News

India irritated by Taj Mahal copy: India's embassy in Bangladesh yesterday voiced its displeasure over a life-size copy of the Taj Mahal, saying it would investigate to see if any copyright laws had been breached. "You can't just go and copy historical monuments," fumed a spokesman... - Gulf Times (Qatar)



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